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PUBLIC MEETINGS TO BE HELD NOVEMBER 7-17, 1994

The Upper Mississippi River-Illinois Waterway System Navigation Study team is holding a series of public meetings. Meetings are scheduled to be held at eight locations throughout the study area. ○

MEETING PURPOSE

The purpose of the public meetings is to ask the public's assistance in identifying problems, opportunities, and issues relating to the Upper Mississippi River - Illinois Waterway (UMR-IWW) System Navigation Study. Corps of Engineers work group leaders will provide information on the current study plan and the status of all efforts, and will listen to your comments and answer questions. The meetings are designed to supplement the environmental impact statement scoping requirements. ○

AUDIENCE

The meetings are for those interested in the navigation and environmental features of the Upper Mississippi River and Illinois Waterway Navigation System.

Local, State, and Federal organizations

and agencies, and the public are encouraged to attend the meetings.

Meeting locations have been selected which are about three hours driving time apart. The presentations will be identical for each meeting. All comments received will be considered in our current planning efforts. ○

UMR-IWW SYSTEM NAVIGATION STUDY PURPOSE

The purpose of the UMR-IWW System Navigation Study is to examine the demands on the existing navigation system for the next fifty years and determine the need for navigation improvements. The feasibility phase began in April 1993. The study is being conducted as a joint effort between the Rock Island, St. Paul, and St. Louis Districts and North Central and Lower Mississippi Valley Divisions. The study has established committees for interaction between the Corps and others. ○

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INITIAL PROJECT MANAGEMENT PLAN AVAILABLE

The Baseline Initial Project Management Plan (IPMP) for the Upper Mississippi River-Illinois Waterway System Navigation Study has been completed. Anyone wishing to purchase a copy may do so by sending a check for \$7.50 payable to "FAO, USAED, Rock Island" to:

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Rock Island
ATTN: Planning Division (Simmons)
Clock Tower Building
P.O. Box 2004
Rock Island, IL 61204-2004

The IPMP reflects changes made to the public involvement plan in 1994. The Plan is the "blueprint" that outlines the work to be accomplished in the feasibility phase of the study.

The IPMP identifies the study effort for the major work areas including engineering, economics, environmental, historic properties, public involvement and study management. The Plan outlines the scope, the schedule and the costs for addressing and evaluating problems and opportunities, and the impacts of plans to address those problems. Problems include delays, increasing usage, and an aging infrastructure.

The Engineering work group will (for engineering considerations):

- Establish the baseline investment needs for operation and maintenance of the existing navigation system
- Evaluate the feasibility of potential small-scale enhancements such as extended guide walls and industry self-help programs
- Evaluate the feasibility of potential large-scale enhancements such as 1200' locks

The Economics work group will:

- Evaluate the costs of delays at locks
- Assess recreational boating, barge fleet

growth, the potential for accidents and hazardous spills, employment benefits, and emissions and fuel use of alternative transportation modes

- Identify the economic consequences of the recommended plan
- Analyze the risk and uncertainty of the possible outcomes of the various analyses for all alternatives considered (i.e., how would the answer change if certain data inputs were different)

The Environmental work group will:

- Evaluate the effect of recommended navigation improvements on the resources of the UMR-IWW
- Evaluate the system-wide impacts that result from increases in navigation traffic and the site-specific impacts that result from construction
- Estimate the costs of compensating for significant environmental impacts that cannot be avoided

The Public Involvement work group will:

- Inform and educate the public and solicit comments through open communications
- Include in the plan formulation process all publics interested in and affected by the study recommendation(s)

The Study Management work group will:

- Provide leadership to the study team for the plan formulation process including:
 - *identifying and evaluating a range of alternatives that satisfies the study planning objectives
 - *screening alternatives
 - *formulating the recommended plan
- The work group also:
 - *serves as principal liaison with outside interests and other governmental agencies
 - *monitors the cost and schedule
 - *assumes responsibility for completion of the feasibility report ○

Public Meeting Locations and Directions

November 7 - St. Louis, MO; 7-10 p.m.

St. Louis Airport Hilton
Salons D & F
10330 Natural Bridge Road
St. Louis, MO

Directions: On I-70, take exit 236 to Natural Bridge Road. The hotel is across from the airport.

November 8 - Peoria, IL; 7-10 p.m.

Pere Marquette Hotel
Cheminee Room
501 Main Street
Peoria, IL

Directions: Off I-74 heading west, take the Jefferson Street exit to Main Street. Off I-74 heading east, take the Glendale exit to Main Street. The hotel is on the south side of the street.

November 9 - Chicago, IL; 4-7 p.m.

Bismark Hotel
Maximilian Room (3rd Floor)
171 West Randolph Street
Chicago, IL

Directions: On I-90/94 from either the south or the north, take Washington east. Head east to LaSalle. Turn left and go north one block to Randolph. Turn left (west) and the hotel is in the middle of the block. Parking is available across the street in the South Park Garage.

November 10 - Davenport, IA; 7-10 p.m.

River Center
136 East Third Street
Davenport, IA

Directions: From I-80, take Brady Street (Highway 61) south. Continue on the one-

way (which becomes Harrison Street) to 3rd Street. Turn left and the River Center will be on the left. Parking is available in the parking garage at the Blackhawk Hotel.

November 14 - South St. Paul, MN 7-10p.m.

Drovers Holiday Inn
Kaposia Center
701 South Concord Street
South St. Paul, MN

Directions: From I-494, take the Concord Street exit north (#64B). The hotel is north of the interstate on the east side of Concord Street.

November 15 - La Crosse, WI; 7-10 p.m.

Holiday Inn
Mississippi Room
529 Park Plaza Drive
La Crosse, WI

Directions: From Minnesota: Take I-90 to exit 275 to Highway 14/61. Follow that to Park Plaza Drive. From Wisconsin: follow Highway 35 through downtown to Cass Street, then turn right (west).

November 16 - Dubuque, IA; 7-10 p.m.

Best Western Midway Hotel
3100 Dodge Street (Hwy 20W)
Dubuque, IA

Directions: The hotel is located on Highway 20 on the west side of town.

November 17 - Des Moines, IA; 7-10 p.m.

Best Western Des Moines International
Terraces 1,2, & 3
1810 Army Post Road
Des Moines, IA

Directions: The hotel is located southeast of the airport on Army Post Road.

MAP INFORMATION

This map illustrates the locations of the public meetings that are being held throughout the study area. You may attend any meeting of your choice, as they all cover the same topics.

MEETING FORMAT

Each meeting will be conducted by UMR-IWW System Navigation Study team members. The meeting will open with a formal welcome, introductions, and a brief explanation of the meeting. A short slide presentation will focus on the work to be accomplished by each work group and the overall study status. After the slide presentation, comments will be received from attendees. A meeting registration form will be used by attendees to indicate that they wish to make a statement in reference to the study. All comments should be made during the planned comment period and will be limited to five minutes each to ensure that everyone has a chance to be heard. Corps of Engineers personnel will be available to answer questions. Representatives of the Environmental, Engineering, Economics, Public Involvement, and Study Management work groups will be present at all meetings.

Because we want to receive public comment and these meetings are serving as part of our National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) scoping requirements, written comments will be taken until December 18, 1994. Comments can be sent to the address below, ATTN: Planning Division (Jackson). ○

Questions?

...for general study information, call Teresa Kirkeing-Kincaid, Project Manager, at 309/794-5279 or write to the address below, ATTN: Project Management.

...or for information on Public Involvement meetings, call the toll-free telephone number, 800/USA(872)-8822. Meeting announcements will be in the Public Involvement menu. Or call Kevin Blum, Public Involvement Coordinator, at 612/290-5247, or write to the address below, ATTN: Planning Division (PD-C).

...if you want to be added to the mailing list for future newsletters, study updates, and meeting announcements, write to the address below, ATTN: Planning Division (PD-C), or call the toll-free telephone number and leave your information in the Public Involvement menu.

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